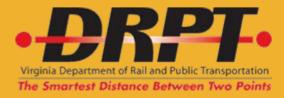
Rail Enhancement Fund

Roanoke Intermodal Facility Site Evaluation and Selection Plan

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Background

- As part of the Heartland Corridor Virginia Components Rail Enhancement Fund (REF) Grant, NS proposes to construct an intermodal facility in the Roanoke Region
- □ DRPT has developed an Intermodal Facility Site Evaluation and Selection Plan to assist in evaluating proposed sites to determine the best location for investment of REF funds



DRPT Site Solicitation Process

- October 6, 2006, DRPT notified NS of the general parameters expected of a qualified site for the intermodal facility. These general parameters for the facility are:
 - Must be close to Interstate I-81 with reasonable access and egress
 - Must be located on the Heartland Corridor line between Walton on the west and the Shenandoah line connection on the east
 - Must not create additional grade separations, particularly in congested urban areas
 - Should be a minimum of 65 acres and flat topography
 - Should seek to minimize associated roadway costs that might be engendered or necessitated
 - Should seek to be well-configured into the rail-operating perspective to avoid degrading rail traffic, add to efficiency of intermodal operation, and result in relative facility development or facility delivery costs



DRPT Solicitation Process (2)

- October 18, 2006, DRPT solicited proposals from the Grantee and localities that lie along the rail line within the geographic boundaries of the search area
 - To date, only the City of Salem has expressed interest in submitting a site proposal
 - NS has met with DRPT has expressed their intent to further discussions on the Elliston site



DRPT Site Evaluation

- As the lead Agency, DRPT will work collectively with state agencies and Norfolk Southern (NS) to evaluate the preferred site of those submitted. This initiative is expected to require a 45 day review period and include:
 - Initial site proposal review by DRPT for fatal flaws based on the criteria as established by DRPT for Rail Enhancement Funding
 - Site proposal review with respective agencies as determined by DRPT under development with the OAG
 - Existing road impact evaluation and road need analysis as conducted by VDOT
 - Site proposal reviews for practical application and interface as provided by NS
 - Site review for ancillary developable land for future distribution center growth opportunities as conducted by VPA



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Public Involvement

- □ Public comments on the proposed site will be received during the 45-day evaluation period
- Public involvement for the site review should follow existing state program requirements
- Localities should provide opportunities for public comment per local requirements as they consider and recommend the site location
- □ Responses to public comments will be issued upon completion of the review period
- DRPT will consider public comments as part of the decision making process once the DRPT site evaluation process is completed



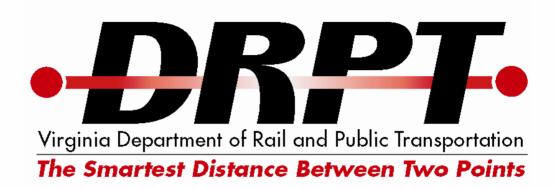
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Final Site Determination

☐ Final site determination by DRPT will include review and consideration of the DRPT's criteria, public comment, and coordination with the operations of NS.







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